

Hobby greats share museums

By David C. Kranz

A Saturday visit to the just-opened Newman Money Museum in St. Louis chanced to find its namesake, Eric P. Newman, present, along with another fellow who recently had a money museum named after him, Edward C. Rochette.

Newman was pleased to show off the freshly completed, 3,000-square-foot museum, which was formally dedicated Oct. 25.

Seated at a table amid book-laden shelves in a wood-paneled, Victorian-style library complete with Wooten mail desk and rail-mounted rolling ladder to access upper levels, Newman beamed as he discussed the museum.

"They worked day and night" in the

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At the Newman Money Museum in St. Louis, Mo., I bumped into the two individuals most recently to have major money museums named after them: Ed Rochette, left, so honored by the American Numismatic Association, and Eric Newman, whose eponymous new museum is located on the Washington University campus.

ANA bylaw proposals feedback sought

The member-elected American Numismatic Association presidency would be terminated under changes to the bylaws of the American Numismatic Association being recommended by a task force chaired by Gov. Remy Bourne. Areas of recommended change, though not actual bylaws language, have been posted online at the ANA Web site, www.money.org. Member feedback is being sought online.

Changing the name of the president

to chairman and the vice president as vice chairman and having other board members choose them instead being elected by the membership are among the most important modifications to the structure of the board of governors.

Others changes would include adoption of three-year staggered terms so that board members would not all be up for re-election at once and a reduction in the years that a board member can serve from the current 10 to 9 years.

In addition to giving the board of governors the power to select the chairman and vice chairman, it would also get the power to name a board treasurer from among their number.

Creation of a nominating committee to select persons to run for the board and not requiring them to go through the club and individual nominations process is also recommended. The rationale is to

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St. Louis paper show set to move in 2008

In two years, the National and World Paper Money Convention will move from St. Louis to St. Charles, Mo.

In 2007 the show, which is sponsored by the Professional Currency Dealers Association, will take place Nov. 14-17 at its current location, the St. Louis Airport Hilton.

"Beginning in 2008, the PCDA show will be held at a new site, the St. Charles Convention Center, about 10 minutes northwest of St. Louis' Lambert Field

airport," said bourse chairman Kevin Foley.

"We've simply outgrown the Hilton. Due to the limited size of their ballroom, we've had to disappoint a growing number of dealers on our waiting list."

The 2008 show will be held Oct. 15-17 in the same location as, but a different room from, the annual Silver Dollar and Rare Coin Expo put on by St. Louis-based firm Scotsman Coin.

Host hotel will be the Embassy

Suites, which is connected to the St. Charles Convention Center.

For more information, contact show general chairman Ron Horstman, P.O. Box 2999, Leslie, MO 63056; or bourse chairman Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201; telephone (414) 421-3484; e-mail kfoley2@wi.rr.com.

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Quarter given Rushmore treatment

"I can't imagine a more dramatic backdrop," said Mint Director Edmund C. Moy Nov. 13 at the official launch ceremony of the South Dakota quarter at the Mount Rushmore National Memorial

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Mint Director Edmund C. Moy, South Dakota Governor M. Michael Rounds and First Lady Jean Rounds official introduce the state's quarter.

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period leading up to the opening, Newman and his wife Evelyn said.

"They wisely kept me away for about three weeks before the opening. They knew that if I'd been here, I'd have been rearranging and organizing things."

In particular he referred to the library, a separate room to the side of the main museum room, which houses about a third of Newman's numismatic library. Works spotted range from the mid-1800s up to recent releases such as Fred L. Reed's *Show Me the Money*, about prop paper money used in film produc-

tions. The shelves had been filled with books for the opening, but not in any useful order.

"There are a few things in the cases" that will require some attention as well, he said, referring to the material on exhibit.

For that, Newman will work with with curator Thomas Serfass.

The museum features 14 displays inset in the walls, and roughly the same number of exhibits within angle-topped counter display cabinets, all custom built for the museum.

Topics range from Ben Franklin and money to errors, odd denominations, counterfeits and fakes, Native

Americans on money, the art of paper money, Hard Times tokens, money scales and counting machines, how coins are created and, of course, the money of Missouri, which includes what is called the first image of St. Louis — and it appeared on a bank note.

"I've been so lucky that this material has fallen to me," Newman commented. "And I've been helped by many friends and by my family" over the years.

The Newman Money Museum is housed in the lower level of the also newly built Mildred Lane Kemper Art

Museum, 1 Brookings Drive, near the intersections of Skinker and Forsythe Boulevards, on the campus of Washington University.

Admission is free.

The popular St. Louis Museum of Art is on a hill about a half mile away. If you go by cab, make sure your driver knows which art museum you seek. Or plan to visit both, with a nice walk between.

To make an appointment for research at the Newman museum, or to schedule a guided tour, contact Serfass by telephone, (314) 935-9595.

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broaden the experience on the board.

Other recommendations would:

- define three classes of membership, individual, club and business members;
- Spell out mediation procedures;
- Authorize online member voting in the board elections;
- Deepen ethics requirements; and,
- Create standing audit, nominating

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Amphitheater, which sits under the gaze of the four immortalized presidents.

Mount Rushmore itself is part of the new quarter's featured design. Also shown on the state side is the state bird,

a Chinese ring-necked pheasant.

Moy joined the state's governor, M. Michael Rounds, First Lady Jean Rounds and Rapid City Mayor Jim Shaw in the ceremony. Joining them afterwards to hand out free samples to the children in the crowd was the memorial's superintendent Gerard Baker.

Noe gets 18-year jail sentence

Convicted coin dealer Tom Noe was sentenced Nov. 20 to 18 years in state prison for stealing from the \$50 million rare-coin fund he administered as an investment for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Ten years of that sentence is mandatory, meaning there is no chance of parole before that time, and is in addition to the 27 months he is currently serving in federal prison for illegal campaign contributions.

Noe was also fined \$213,000 in Lucas County Court in Toledo and ordered to pay the cost of the prosecution, estimated at nearly \$3 million, and

restitution to the bureau. A prosecutor told Judge Thomas Osowik that the grand total of Noe's theft amounts to more than \$13 million.

Noe was convicted Nov. 13 on 29 charges that included theft, forgery, money laundering, tampering with records and engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity.

Lucas County Prosecutor Julie Bates said that Noe rejected a plea bargain nine months ago. In that proposed deal he would have received 10 years in prison with the chance of early parole if he cooperated with authorities. Noe declined.